

Resolution No. ____ RESOLUTION: To support application for a FY2009 Preserve America Grant to assist Heritage Montgomery with the development of a Civil War iPod and DVD driving tour of Montgomery County.

WHEREAS, *Preserve America* is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative include a greater shared knowledge about our Nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of communities; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is compatible with our community's interests and goals related to historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, the community was designated a *Preserve America* community in February of 2008 in order to improve our community's ability to protect and promote its historic resources; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Rockville is interested in promoting heritage tourism in Rockville as part of their 2008-2010 Vision Priority to promote Rockville as a cultural destination, building upon Rockville's rich history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, that it hereby supports the grant application for Preserve America funds to assist with Heritage Montgomery's Civil War iPod and DVD in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War and the significant role Rockville and Montgomery County played in this historic event; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville will protect and celebrate our heritage, use our historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of

Claire F. Funkhouser, City Clerk